GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN YEMEN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State run oil companies have shown keen interest in exploration of oil and gas in Yemen and modernization of Aden refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a join Technical Committee has been formed for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)& (b) Indian Public Sector Oil companies have shown interest in exploration and production blocks in Yemen, modernisation of the Aden Refinery Project, the proposed Hydrocracker Project, sourcing of natural gas from Yemen, and LNG liquefaction plants in Yemen.

(c) & (d) During discussions held at the 5th session of the Indo-Yemen Joint Committee meeting in Sana`a between 15-17 January, 2005, it was decided, inter alia, to form a Joint Technical Committee (JTC) to discuss co-operation in the hydrocarbon sector. The JTC is being constituted in consultation with the authorities concerned of the Government of Yemen.